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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5453

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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT

REF: A) STATE 191525, B) 7 FAM 443

FOLLOWING IS MBABANE'S DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT FOR 1978.

A. MAXIMUM PERIOD BEFORE BURIAL: GOS HOSPITAL MORGUES WILL GENERALLY HOLD REMAINS FOR ONLY 72 HOURS DUE TO LACK OF SPACE. LOCAL FUNERAL HOMES WILL HOLD THE REMAINS IN COLD STORAGE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD PENDING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS. STORAGE FEES ARE DOLS 4.60 PER DAY. IF THE REMAINS ARE TO BE BURIED IN SWAZILAND AND ARE UNEMBALMED, THEY MUST BE BURIED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF REMOVAL FROM COLD STORAGE. IF EMBALMED, THERE IS NO STATUTORY TIME LIMIT FOR BURIAL. IF THE PERSON DIED OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE, THE REMAINS MUST BE PLACED IN COLD STORAGE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF DEATH AND EMBALMED UPON REMOVAL OR PLACED IN HERMETICALLY SEALED COFFIN FOR SHIPMENT.

B. EMBALMING: IF THE REMAINS ARE TO BE BURIED IN SWAZILAND, THEY NEED NOT BE EMBALMED BUT MAY BE UPON REQUEST. THERE IS A "QUICK" EMBALMING AVAILABLE IN SWAZILAND WHICH IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENT. REMAINS THAT ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE U.S.
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MUST BE EMBALMED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

C. CREMATION: THERE ARE NO CREMATION FACILITIES IN SWAZILAND. ALL CREMATION MUST BE DONE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

D. CASKETS FOR INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENT MUST BE PREPARED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

E. ALL REMAINS ARE SHIPPED THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA; THERE ARE NO SWAZILAND LAWS OR REGULATIONS ON EXPORTATION OF REMAINS SEPARATE FROM THOSE OF SOUTH AFRICA. PLEASE CONSULT RSA REPORT.

F. COSTS:

REFRIGERATION OF REMAINS (DOLS 4.60 PER DAY) DOLS 9.20

SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO RSA	345.00
EMBALMING	103.50
DOCUMENT PREPARATION	115.00
COFFIN	287.50
METAL LINING	103.50
TRANSPORTATION TO AIRPORT	28.75
CRATING AND PACKING OF COFFIN	92.00
TOTAL	1,084.45

(NOTE: DEPENDING UPON WHERE THE REMAINS ARE LOCATED
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IN SWAZILAND, THERE MIGHT BE AN ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION CHARGE.)

AVERAGE COST OF AIR SHIPMENT:

TO NEW YORK	DOLS 1,938.90
TO CHICAGO	2,135.55
TO LOS ANGELES	2,280.45

CREMATION:

SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO RSA DOLS 345.00

CREMATION	108.60
TOTAL	453.60

AIR SHIPMENT OF ASHES TO NEW YORK 100.00
SURFACE SHIPMENT OF EMBALMED REMAINS TO NEW YORK IS
ALMOST PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE: 4,553.75.

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COSTS OF LOCAL BURIAL VARY ACCORDING TO THE TYPE OF
COFFIN SELECTED BUT AVERAGE ABOUT DOLS 245.00.

6. DISINTERMENT IS ALLOWED IN SWAZILAND BY
PERMISSION OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, MINISTRY
OF HEALTH. THERE MUST BE A MEDICAL DOCTOR AND A POLICE
OFFICER PRESENT. REGULATIONS REGARDING SHIPMENT
OF DISINTERRED REMAINS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE
APPLICABLE TO OTHER REMAINS.
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